

Selected by the National Society of Fine Arts in Paris,

39 Canadian artists take off for Paris!

Montreal, December 1st, 2011. It is with enthusiasm that 39 Canadian visual artists will travel soon to Paris to exhibit their work. They were selected by the jury of the prestigious National Society of Fine Arts in Paris (SNBA) to represent Canada at the annual Salon to be held in the Salle Le Notre of the Carrousel du Louvre, from 8 to 11 December 2011.

Under the direction of the artist Raymonde Perron, the sculptor Marie-Josée Leroux, and Bénédicte Lecat, representative in France, the Canadian delegation is composed of the following artists: Marie-Claude Aubry, Tom Barnes, Joanne Blaquiere, Lise Boilard, Lorraine Bouchard, Denise Buisman-Pilger, Carole Desgagnés Rollande Dufault, Janick Ericksen, Françoise Falardeau, Jonathan Fournier, Christiane Gagnon, Joe Jbeily, Natalie Garceau, Marion Gerard, Marie-Claude Gervais, Diane Goyette, Michele Kramer, Louise Larose Diane Lafond, Monique Lafond, Pierre Laramée, Carole Laurence, Marie-Josée Leroux, Francine Mailloux, Sonia Michaud, Ginette Morneau, Sue Perley-Robertson, Jim Pescott, Raymonde Perron, Julie Poliquin, Mélanie Poirier, Louise Rouleau, Andrée Roy, Aud Karin Sund, Johanne Tessier, Arianne Themens, Audrey Traini, Egido Vincelli.

These artists will be received at the Canadian Cultural Centre and will assist at the opening of the SNBA to be held under the patronage of Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy.

150th anniversary of the SNBA

The SNBA is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Founded in 1861, this organisation was born of a desire to highlight anti-conformism and new research in art. Its creators are Rodin, Meissonier, Puvis de Chavannes ... and Théophile Gauthier! This year, a special tribute will be awarded to this author during a special event to be held December 10, 2011.

Since its founding, the SNBA organizes an annual event. It was previously held in the courtyard of the Louvre and is now moved under the Louvre pyramid, at room Le Nôtre, adjacent to the museum. Guests of honor from among established artists which includes a dozen foreign delegations will be met and then reveal in the heart of Paris, the artistic activities of all continents. This is one of the great international exhibitions of contemporary art and Canada participates since 2004.

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